

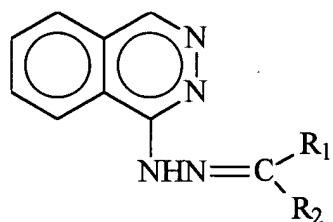
## **Abstract of the Disclosure**

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3 A method of improving the stability of a hydralazine composition during manufacturing  
4 or storage comprising coupling an N-protecting group with hydralazine to produce the  
5 compound having the formula:

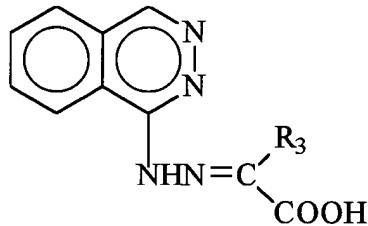
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11 where R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> are independently H, branched or straight chain alkyl having from 1 to  
12 about 7 carbon atoms, substituted or unsubstituted aryl, substituted or unsubstituted  
13 cycloalkyl, substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl, substituted or unsubstituted  
14 alkylcycloalkyl, lower alkenyl or R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> together form part of a substituted or  
15 unsubstituted cycloalkyl having from about 4 of about 7 carbon atoms; where R<sub>3</sub> is a  
16 branched or straight chain alkyl having from 1 to about 7 carbon atoms, substituted or  
17 unsubstituted aryl, substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl, substituted or unsubstituted  
18 cycloalkyl, aralkyl, substituted or unsubstituted alkylcycloalkyl or a group having the  
19 formula (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>COOH where n is from 1 to about 7.